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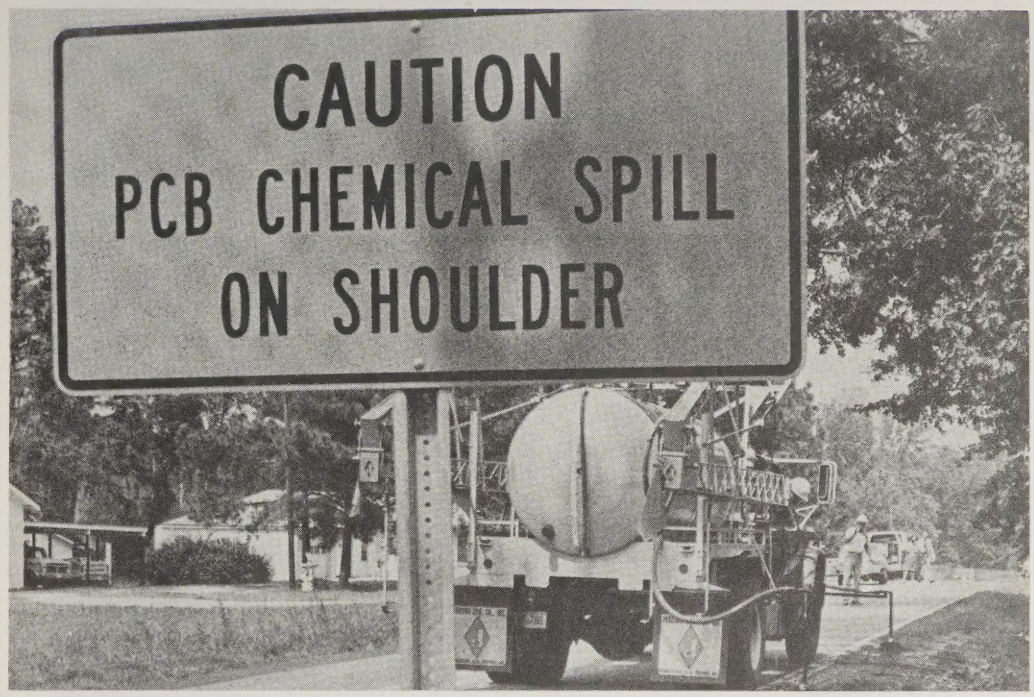

Transportation department highway maintenance crew sprays activated charcoal along a PCB-contaminated road near Wilson. For additional information and photos on the Department of Transportation's role in the cleanup of PCB-spills, see the inside and back pages.

United Way

'Let's Be A Leader To Make It Work For All Of Us.'

NATIONAL HEALTH AGENCIES

Dear Fellow Employees:

In many North Carolina cities and towns this fall, annual campaigns are being launched to improve our communities and provide needed services to all types of people. Whether they are called the United Way, United Fund, Combined Campaign or others, they all have the same goal: to offer us an opportunity to make a single contribution to a variety of programs which give people hope and a chance for a better life.

At DOT locations in Wake County, we are participating for the third year in the State Employee Combined Campaign for the Wake County United Way and 14 National Health Agencies. At our September 11 "Kick Off," our theme for this year's effort in Wake County was announced: "Let's Be A Leader To Make It Work For All Of Us."

I believe this idea is in keeping with the way we approach our jobs in serving the public. Just as we work together in our department and with local communities, as individuals we can join together to give financial support for programs that seek to help with family problems, offer care for the elderly, and provide essential services to physically handicapped and mentally retarded youngsters . . . just a few of the many ways your gifts will be used.

Governor Jim Hunt addresses volunteers at the State Employee Combined Campaign "Kick Off" on September 11. Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw, Chairman of the 1978 Combined Campaign, and Darrell Menscer, Chairman of the Wake County United Way, right, also spoke to the group of over 200 state employees who are participating in this year's campaign as coordinators for all state agencies.

I urge all department employees in Wake County to join me with a check or pledge to the Combined Campaign, and I hope our other transportation department employees across the state will also take advantage of similar efforts in their communities. As our opportunity to show we really care, let's open up our hearts and pocketbooks and feel really good all year long.

Tom Bradshaw

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M. C. Adams, Head of Maintenance for the Department of Transportation's Division of Highways, second from right, listens to a question from Fred Taylor, far right, host of the WRAL-TV public affairs program "Closeup." Adams appeared on the program with, from left, Joyce Goldstein of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and A. F. McCory of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Highway division employees load bags of activated charcoal onto modified hydroseeder machinery which was used to spray the charcoal on PCB spills to absorb the chemical.

Transportation department motor grader scrapes soil from shoulder in Franklin County simulated field tests of PCB-excavation procedures.

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Elsewhere: 1929 — First highway patrols, North Carolina and Minnesota.

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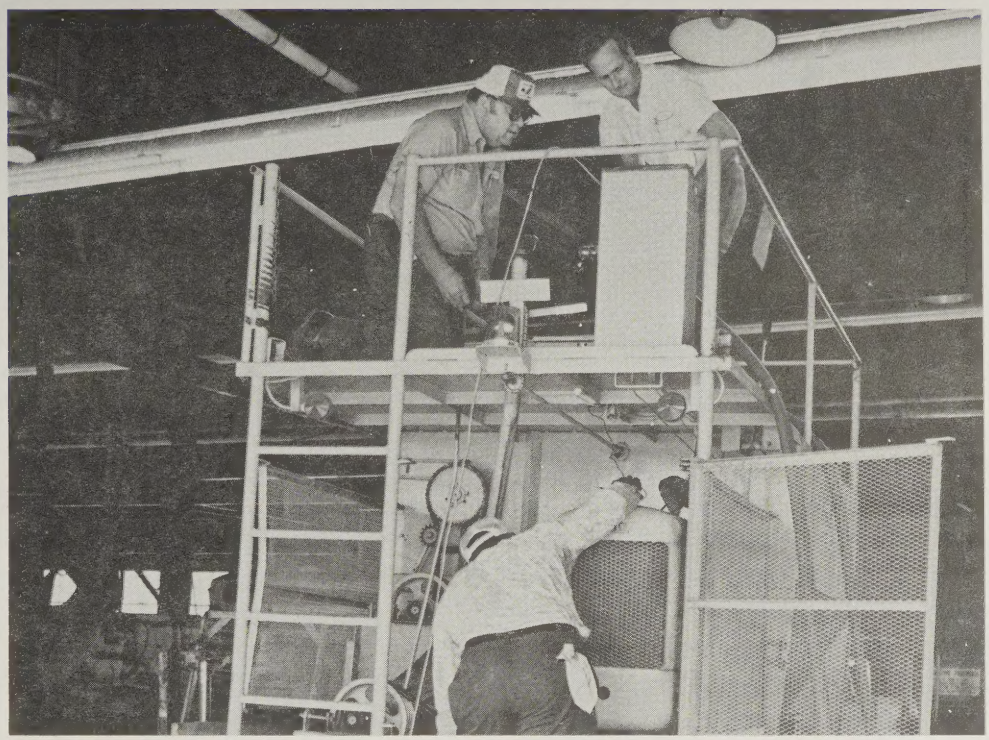

Personnel at the highway division's equipment depot worked throughout the weekend of August 18-20 to prepare machinery used to spray activated charcoal on PCB spills. Walter Jones (bottom), Howard Wilder (top left) and Billy Briggs (top right) modify a hydroseeder normally used to spread water and fertilizer during the department's revegetation efforts on landscape projects. Modifications include extending tubing on the right rear of the vehicle with specially purchased nozzles to insure a saturation of a half-gallon of charcoal solution per square yard for each of two passes.

Governor Jim Hunt was present to observe first-hand field trials in Franklin County on August 23 of procedures to remove PCBs from North Carolina roadsides. Division Engineer Frank Coleman, left, shows Governor Hunt how a force-feed loader will pick up dirt in the simulated run and load it on a dump truck.

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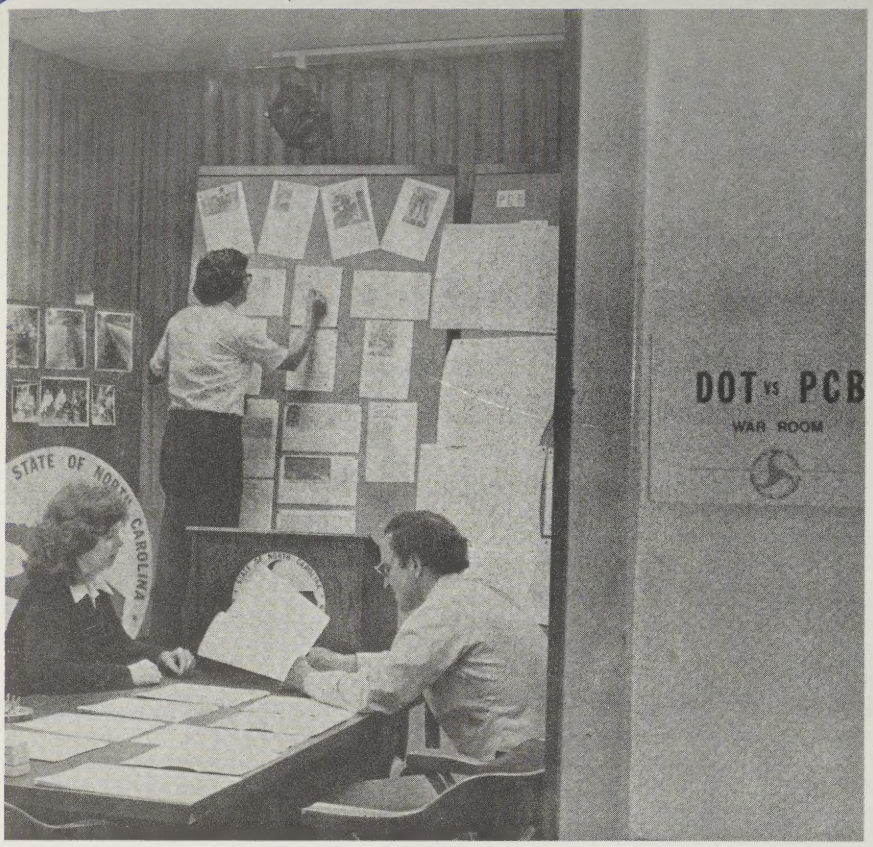

The Department of Transportation's Media Briefing Room has been converted temporarily into a "PCB War Room" by the Public Affairs Office to offer the news media a central location for information on the department's role in the PCB-cleanup operation. Seated at the table, Doris Gupton, Information Specialist, left, and Cy Lynn, Special Assistant for Public Affairs, review fact sheets on spraying of activated charcoal, while Reggie Lester, Information Specialist, standing, keeps track of spraying operations.

'Beyond the Call of Duty'

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The roadways will be regraded and landscaped if excavation and disposal of the contaminated soil is recommended by health and environmental officials.

PCBs are a group of chemicals which have been widely used in industry since the early 1940's. These oily agents have served as heat conducting agents and insulators in electrical equipment and in many other industrial situations.

"In the past two years, employees of this Department have reacted to emergency situations with a dedication that has given new meaning to public service in North Carolina," said Bradshaw. "In your response to this challenge, you are enhancing that reputation and have earned the respect of your fellow citizens."

Hit & Run Department

Our Board member, David Hoyle, is thinking of going on the PGA tour after collecting from the Secondary Roads officer. Ask Jack for details!

Zelda Hicks of the Division of Motor Vehicles prepares to place a "Drive 55" bumper sticker on a Department of Transportation car.

New Messages On DOT Cars

Two new messages have been placed on over 2600 Department of Transportation vehicles.

On the left side of the bumper, a "Drive 55: It's a law we can live with" message shows the department's commitment for compliance with the law and reminds employees of our role in setting an example for the public. The speed limit messages were provided courtesy of the Federal Highway Administration.

"Transportation: America's Lifelines" messages, which serve to point out the vital role transportation plays in our state and nation as well as to reinforce the concept that our department has responsibility for all modes of transportation, are on the right side of the bumper.